

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
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**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1030-52**

Delegation of Authority for Cooperative Agreements under 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4)

**1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to delegate authority within the Department of Agriculture to implement 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and any other organization or individual to improve the coordination and effectiveness of Federal programs, services, and actions affecting rural areas, including establishing and financing of interagency groups, as long as the objectives of the agreement will serve the mutual interest of the parties in rural development activities. All such agreements will be reviewed and concurred by the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Procurement and Administrative Services prior to execution by the Under Secretary, the Deputy Under Secretary or the party to whom the authority is redelegated.

**2 DELEGATION**

The Under Secretary for Rural Development is delegated the authority vested in the Secretary under 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4). In the absence of an Under Secretary or Acting Under Secretary, the authority is delegated to the Deputy Under Secretaries for Rural Development. This delegation may be redelegated by the Under Secretary for Rural Development to the Agency Administrators.

**3 EFFECT ON PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS**

The previous delegation of authority is hereby cancelled.

4      TERMINATION

This Memorandum shall remain in effect for one year or until such time as published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate its provisions.

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Secretary